What is claimed is:

1. A computer-implemented method of performing operations on a plurality of linked records, the method comprising:

(a) determining at least two selected records from an end user in response to user selection of at least two of a plurality of node display elements, wherein each node display element is associated with one of the plurality of linked records, and wherein at least a pair of node display elements are respectively associated with a pair of records that are linked to one another, the pair of node display elements graphically linked with one another; and

(b) performing a common operation on the selected records.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the common operation is selected from the group consisting of printing the selected records, storing the selected records, caching the selected records, retrieving the selected records, editing the selected records, and combinations thereof.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the common operation includes printing the selected records.

4. The method of claim 3, further comprising determining a number of copies to print for each selected record based upon user selection.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein determining the number of copies for a first selected record is responsive to a number of times the end user selects the first selected record.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the common operation includes retrieving the selected records.

7. The method of claim 6, further comprising:

(a) displaying a link display element graphically linked to a node display element for a first selected record to be retrieved; and

(b) displaying a retrieve progress indicator during retrieval of the first selected record, the retrieve progress indicator graphically linked to one of the link display element and the node display element associated with the first selected record.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein performing the common operation includes performing the common operation on the records in the order in which the selected records were selected by an end user.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein performing the common operation includes performing the common operation hierarchically by performing the common operation on a parent selected record prior to performing the common operation on a child selected record thereto, wherein the parent selected record includes a link to the child selected record.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein performing the common operation includes concurrently performing the common operation on the selected records.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein at least one of the plurality of linked records is a child record, and at least one of the plurality of linked records is a parent record including a link to the child record, the method further comprising selecting the child record in response to user selection of the node display element associated with the parent record.

12. A computer system configured to perform operations on a plurality of linked records, the computer system comprising:

(a) a computer display; and

(b) a processor configured to display on the computer display a plurality of node display elements, wherein each node display element is associated with one of the plurality of linked records, and wherein at least a pair of node display elements are respectively associated with a pair of records that are linked to one another, the pair of node display elements graphically linked with one another; to determine at least two selected records from an end user in response to user selection of at least two of the plurality of node display elements; and to perform a common operation on the selected records.

13. The computer system of claim 12, wherein the common operation is selected from the group consisting of printing the selected records, storing the selected records, caching the selected records, retrieving the selected records, editing the selected records, and combinations thereof.

14. The computer system of claim 12, wherein the common operation includes printing the selected records.

15. The computer system of claim 14, wherein the processor is further configured to determine a number of copies to print for each selected record based upon user selection.

16. The computer system of claim 15, wherein the processor is configured to determine the number of copies for a first selected record responsive to a number of times the end user selects the first selected record.

17. The computer system of claim 12, wherein the common operation includes retrieving the selected records.

18. The computer system of claim 17, wherein the processor is further configured to display a link display element graphically linked to a node display element for a first selected record to be retrieved, and to display a retrieve progress indicator during retrieval of the first selected record, the retrieve progress indicator graphically linked to one of the link display element and the node display element associated with the first selected record.

19. The computer system of claim 12, wherein the processor is configured to perform the common operation by performing the common operation on the records in the order in which the selected records were selected by an end user.

20. The computer system of claim 12, wherein the processor is configured to perform the common operation hierarchically by performing the common operation on a parent selected record prior to performing the common operation on a child selected record thereto, wherein the parent selected record includes a link to the child selected record.

21. The computer system of claim 12, wherein the processor is configured to perform the common operation by concurrently performing the common operation on the selected records.

22. The computer system of claim 12, wherein at least one of the plurality of linked records is a child record, and at least one of the plurality of linked records is a parent record including a link to the child record, and wherein the processor is further configured to select the child record in response to user selection of the node display element associated with the parent record.

23. A program product comprising:

(a) a program configured to perform a method of performing operations on a plurality of linked records, the method comprising determining at least two selected records from an end user in response to user selection of at least two of a plurality of node display elements, wherein each node display element is associated with one of the plurality of linked records, and wherein at least a pair of node display elements are respectively associated with a pair of records that are linked to one another, the pair of node display elements graphically linked with one another; and performing a common operation on the selected records; and

(b) a signal bearing media bearing the program.

24. The program product of claim 23, wherein the signal bearing media includes at least one of a transmission type media and a recordable media.